

JUSTIFICATION OF ESTIMATES

The Administration's Proposed Appropriation Language

LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATION

For necessary expenses for the Railroad Retirement Board for administration of the Railroad Retirement Act and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, [\$97,700,000] *\$104,110,000*, to be derived in such amounts as determined by the Board from the railroad retirement accounts and from moneys credited to the railroad unemployment insurance administration fund.

(Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002, additional authorizing legislation required.)

Explanation of Proposed Appropriation Language

<u>Appropriation language</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
For necessary expenses for the Railroad Retirement Board for administration of the Railroad Retirement Act and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, [\$97,700,000] <i>\$104,110,000</i> , to be derived in such amounts as determined by the Board from the railroad retirement accounts and from moneys credited to the railroad unemployment insurance administration fund.	<p>This budget request is for funds to administer the railroad retirement/survivor and unemployment/sickness insurance benefit programs under a single administrative account. The Limitation on Administration Account draws on the following trust fund accounts for funding: Railroad Retirement Account, Social Security Equivalent Benefit Account, and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Administration Fund.</p> <p>The appropriation amount includes \$97,720,000 for agency operations under current legislation, and an additional \$6,390,000 in connection with proposed legislation to reflect the full cost of benefits to agency employees under the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHB).</p>

Authorizing Legislation

<u>Legislation</u>	<u>2002</u>		<u>2003</u>	
	<u>Authorized</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Authorized</u>	<u>Appropriation request</u>
Authorizing legislation -- Railroad Retirement Act: Section 15(a), first two sentences of section, and Section 15A(c)(1)	Indefinite	\$104,206,000 <u>a/</u>	Indefinite	\$104,110,000 <u>b/</u>

Authorizing legislation -- Railroad
Unemployment Insurance Act:
Section 11(a)

a/ Reflects the appropriation of \$97,700,000 received under Public Law 107-116 and, for comparison purposes only, an estimated \$6,506,000 in connection with proposed legislation to reflect full CSRS and FEHB costs for agency employees.

b/ Includes \$97,720,000 under current legislation, and an additional \$6,390,000 in connection with proposed legislation to reflect full CSRS and FEHB costs for agency employees.

Section 15(a) of the Railroad Retirement Act:

"The Railroad Retirement Account established by section 15(a) of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937 shall continue to be maintained in the Treasury of the United States. There is hereby appropriated to such Account for each fiscal year, beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975, to provide for the payment of benefits to be made from such Account in accordance with the provisions of section 7(c)(1) of this Act, and to provide for expenses necessary for the Board in the administration of all provisions of this Act, an amount equal to amounts covered into the Treasury (minus refunds) during each fiscal year under the Railroad Retirement Tax Act."

Section 15 A(c)(1) of the Railroad Retirement Act:

"Except as otherwise provided in this section, amounts in the Social Security Equivalent Benefit Account shall be available only for purposes of paying social security equivalent benefits under this Act and to provide for the administrative expenses of the Board allocable to social security equivalent benefits."

Section 11(a) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act:

"The Secretary of the Treasury shall maintain in the unemployment trust fund established pursuant to section 904 of the Social Security Act an account to be known as the railroad unemployment insurance administration fund. This unemployment insurance administration fund shall consist of (i) such part of all contributions collected pursuant to section 8 of this Act as equals 0.65 per centum of the total compensation on which such contributions are based; (ii) all amounts advanced to the fund by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to this section; (iii) all amounts appropriated by subsection (b) of this section; and (iv) such additional amounts as Congress may appropriate for expenses necessary or incidental to administering this Act. Such additional amounts are hereby authorized to be appropriated."

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES a/
Budget Authority By Object Classification

<u>Limitation on Administration</u>	Fiscal year 2001	Fiscal year 2002	Fiscal year 2003	Increase or
<u>Direct obligations by object class</u>	<u>actual amounts(\$)</u> b/c/	<u>estimated amounts(\$)</u> c/d/	<u>estimated amounts(\$)</u> e/	<u>decrease(\$)</u>
Personnel compensation:				
Full-time permanent	57,912,000	61,294,000	61,842,000	548,000
Positions other than permanent	1,195,000	1,305,000	1,235,000	(70,000)
Other personnel compensation	<u>1,133,000</u>	<u>1,545,000</u>	<u>1,065,000</u>	<u>(480,000)</u>
Total personnel compensation	60,240,000	64,144,000	64,142,000 e/	(2,000)
Personnel benefits: civilian	18,561,000	20,474,000	20,064,000	(410,000)
Benefits for former personnel	30,000	182,000	300,000	118,000
Travel and transportation of persons	750,000	815,000	675,000	(140,000)
Transportation of things	148,000	114,000	118,000	4,000
Rental payments to GSA f/	3,103,000	3,620,000	3,648,000	28,000
Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges	4,315,000	4,432,000	4,234,000	(198,000)
Printing and reproduction	250,000	276,000	264,000	(12,000)
Consulting services	570,000	435,000	573,000	138,000
Other services	9,169,000	8,074,000	8,276,000 g/	202,000
Supplies and materials	844,000	767,000	767,000	0
Equipment	<u>3,107,000</u>	<u>873,000</u>	<u>1,049,000</u>	<u>176,000</u>
Total, direct obligations	101,087,000	104,206,000	104,110,000	(96,000)
Unobligated balance	<u>106,000</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Total budget authority	<u>101,193,000</u>	<u>104,206,000</u>	<u>104,110,000</u> h/	<u>(96,000)</u>
Less: Additional funding of CSRS and FEHB costs	<u>(6,193,000)</u>	<u>(6,506,000)</u>	<u>(6,390,000)</u>	<u>116,000</u>
Total budget authority, less additional CSRS/FEHB costs	<u>95,000,000</u>	<u>97,700,000</u>	<u>97,720,000</u> i/	<u>20,000</u>

- a/ In addition to the amounts shown, the Office of Inspector General is requesting, in a separate justification document, \$6,300,000 for administrative expenses in fiscal year 2003 under current law, and \$332,000 in connection with proposed legislation to reflect full funding for the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHB) costs.
- b/ Amounts reflect the actual use of the \$95 million appropriation to the Limitation on Administration received under Public Law 106-554 in fiscal year 2001 plus, for comparison purposes with the proposed fiscal year 2003 appropriation, an additional \$6,193,000 to reflect full funding for CSRS and FEHB costs.
- c/ The Limitation on Administration excludes \$5.4 million in fiscal year 2001 that the RRB expects to be reimbursed from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (for conducting Medicare activities) and others. Amounts for fiscal years 2002 and 2003 exclude \$5.5 million and \$5.3 million, respectively, that the RRB expects to be reimbursed from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and others in each of these years. The amounts to be reimbursed include an additional \$0.3 million for full funding of CSRS and FEHB costs in fiscal year 2003, and, for comparison purposes only, a corresponding amount is included in fiscal years 2001 and 2002.
- d/ Amount reflects appropriations received under Public Law 107-116 for fiscal year 2002 plus, for comparison purposes with the proposed fiscal year 2003 appropriation, an additional \$6,506,000 to reflect full funding for CSRS and FEHB costs.
- e/ This amount includes a locality-based comparability and cost-of-living increase of 2.6% effective January 2003, in accordance with OMB guidance.
- f/ Reflects the payment of actual costs to the General Services Administration (GSA) for the rental of space. The fiscal year 2002 and 2003 amounts assume that the RRB, as a trust fund agency, will continue to pay actual costs to GSA for the rental of space instead of the commercial equivalent rate..
- g/ This amount includes an estimated \$2,000 for education and training of the acquisition workforce (OMB Circular A-11, Section 112.3).
- h/ The Railroad Retirement Board expects to spend \$18,000 on energy conservation measures in fiscal year 2002 (OMB Circular A-11, Section 112.3).
- i/ Includes \$20,000 to pay the full government share of the Federal Employees Compensation Act.

Note: Amounts are rounded to the nearest thousand.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Budget Authority by Strategic Goal

<u>Limitation on Administration</u>	Fiscal year 2001 actual				Fiscal year 2002 estimate				Fiscal year 2003 estimate			
<u>Program by strategic goal</u>	<u>FTE's</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Amounts(\$)</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>FTE's</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Amounts(\$)</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>FTE's</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Amounts(\$)</u>	<u>%</u>
Strategic goal:												
1. Customer service	647	59	49,434,000	52	638	58	52,581,000	54	625	59	52,769,000	54
2. Stewardship	214	19	18,358,000	19	238	22	20,671,000	21	208	19	18,567,000	19
3. Technology and automation	<u>240</u>	22	<u>27,102,000</u>	29	<u>225</u>	20	<u>24,448,000</u>	25	<u>231</u>	22	<u>26,384,000</u>	27
Total, direct program obligations			94,894,000									
Unobligated balance			106,000				—				—	
Total budget authority	<u>1,101</u>		<u>95,000,000</u>		<u>1,101</u>		<u>97,700,000</u>		<u>1,064</u>		<u>97,720,000</u>	
Plus: Additional CSRS and FEHB costs												
under proposed legislation			<u>6,193,000</u>				<u>6,506,000</u>				<u>6,390,000</u>	
Total budget authority, including retirement costs			<u>101,193,000</u>				<u>104,206,000</u>				<u>104,110,000</u>	

The Railroad Retirement Board's Strategic Plan includes these strategic goals:

1. Provide excellent customer service.
2. Safeguard our customers' trust funds through prudent stewardship.
3. Expand the use of technology and automation to achieve our mission.

STAFFING HISTORY

Actual Full-time Equivalent Employment

<u>Fiscal year</u>	<u>Total FTE's a/</u>	<u>Change from previous year</u>	<u>Percent change from previous year</u>	<u>Cumulative FTE reductions</u>	<u>Cumulative percent change since fiscal year 1993</u>
1993	1,698 <u>b/</u>	---	---	---	---
1994	1,615 <u>b/</u>	-83	-4.9%	83	-4.9%
1995	1,483 <u>b/</u>	-132	-8.2%	215	-12.7%
1996	1,401 <u>b/</u>	-82	-5.5%	297	-17.5%
1997	1,297	-104	-7.4%	401	-23.6%
1998	1,227	-70	-5.4%	471	-27.7%
1999	1,196	-31	-2.5%	502	-29.6%
2000	1,136	-60	-5.0%	562	-33.1%
2001	1,101	-35	-3.1%	597	-35.2%
2002	1,101 <u>c/</u>	0	0.0%	597	-35.2%
2003	1,064 <u>c/</u>	-37	-3.4%	634	-37.3%

a/ Excludes staffing for the Office of Inspector General.

b/ Includes Special Management Improvement Fund FTE's for fiscal years 1993-1996 of 80, 58, 30, and 10, respectively.

c/ Reflects estimated FTE's to be used. In fiscal year 2003, the RRB estimates that the proposed administrative budget will allow us to fund 1,064 FTE's.

Funding for Major Contracts

All contracts \$10,000 and over that are planned for fiscal year 2003 are shown below.

<u>Title and description</u>	<u>Estimated FY 2003 Funding (\$)</u>
<u>Information technology investments</u>	
• <u>E-Government systems</u> . These funds will be used for performance-based contractual support in developing interactive electronic service capabilities as required under the Government Paperwork Elimination Act.	425,000
• <u>Information security</u> . Contractor assistance will be used to correct weaknesses, which were identified in the RRB's review under the Government Information Security Reform Act (\$150,000), and in conducting a vulnerability assessment (\$100,000).	250,000
• <u>Enterprise architecture</u> . Contractor assistance is required to further develop the agency's enterprise architecture implementation plan.	100,000 <u>a/</u>
<u>Support of benefit program activities</u>	
• <u>Medical fees</u> . Funding is required for medical services and hospital transcripts used to make disability determinations.	2,000,000
• <u>Consultative medical services</u> . Funding will be used for medical evidence reviews concerning benefit and claim matters and preparation of advisory medical opinions.	420,000 <u>a/</u>
• <u>Contact representative training</u> . Contract funding will be used for training contact representatives.	50,000
• <u>Customer satisfaction index</u> . Contractor assistance will be used for administering the American Customer Satisfaction Index survey.	35,000
• <u>Transcription services</u> . The RRB uses contractual services to prepare transcripts of hearings regarding appeal cases for use by the Board Members.	20,000

Funding for Major Contracts

<u>Title and description</u>	<u>Estimated FY 2003 Funding (\$)</u>
<u>Financial management</u>	
• <u>Payments to Treasury</u> . Funding is required for fees by the Department of the Treasury for issuing checks and making electronic funds transfers on the RRB's behalf, as well as postage costs incurred for RRB mailings released by the Treasury.	946,000 <u>b/</u>
• <u>Automated interface with the Treasury</u> . This item represents charges for using the automated interface with the Treasury to transmit and receive financial and accounting information.	11,000 <u>b/</u>
<u>Administrative support</u>	
• <u>File management services</u> . Fees will be paid to the National Archives and Records Administration for services by the Federal Records Center to maintain the RRB claim files.	440,000 <u>b/</u>
• <u>Photocopiers</u> . Funding is required to continue contractual services for photocopiers in the RRB's headquarters building.	376,300
• <u>Field office support services</u> . Funding is required for field office alterations, miscellaneous and administrative support services, and health unit maintenance agreements.	95,000 <u>b/</u>
• <u>Computer recovery service</u> . Fees are paid for backup data processing operations in the event of an emergency or disaster.	40,000
• <u>Employee assistance program</u> . The RRB provides professional assistance for employees with personal problems that adversely affect work performance.	36,000 <u>a/</u>
• <u>Audiovisual training programs</u> . Funding is required for the use of audiovisual and computer-based training materials.	20,000

Funding for Major Contracts

<u>Title and description</u>	Estimated FY 2003 <u>Funding (\$)</u>
<u>Facility management services</u>	
• <u>Building maintenance and repairs</u> . Funding is required for interior and exterior painting, carpet and drapery replacement, energy conservation initiatives, facility maintenance, elevator maintenance, and repairs to the headquarters building.	808,140
• <u>Janitorial services</u> . Funding is required for janitorial services for the RRB headquarters building.	485,000
• <u>Building security</u> . Funding is required for guard service for the RRB headquarters building.	<u>330,000</u>
Agency total	<u><u>6,887,440</u></u>

a/ The amounts requested are for advisory and assistance services.

b/ Contractual services provided by Federal Government agencies comprise \$1,492,000 of the agency program total of \$6,887,440.

BUDGET AUTHORITY BY FUND

Railroad Retirement Program

	Fiscal Year 2001 Actual <u>Amounts a/</u>	Fiscal Year 2002 Estimated <u>Amounts a/</u>	Fiscal Year 2003 Estimated <u>Amounts a/</u>	Increase or Decrease <u>Amounts</u>
<u>Direct Program:</u>				
Railroad Retirement Account	\$ 58,235,000	\$62,496,000	\$62,814,000	\$ 318,000
Social Security Equivalent Benefit Account	26,100,000	26,100,000	26,200,000	100,000
Railroad Retirement Supplemental Account <u>b/</u>	<u>2,000,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(500,000)</u>
Total, direct railroad retirement program obligations	\$ 86,335,000	\$89,096,000	\$89,014,000	\$ (82,000)

Railroad Unemployment and Sickness Insurance Program

Direct program:

Railroad Unemployment Insurance Administration Fund	<u>14,752,000</u>	<u>15,110,000</u>	<u>15,096,000</u>	<u>(14,000)</u>
Total, direct retirement, unemployment and sickness insurance obligations	\$101,087,000	\$104,206,000	\$104,110,000	\$ (96,000)
Unobligated balance	<u>106,000</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Total, direct retirement and unemployment and sickness insurance budget authority	<u>\$101,193,000</u>	<u>\$104,206,000</u>	<u>\$104,110,000</u>	<u>\$ (96,000)</u>
Less: Additional funding of CSRS and FEHB costs under proposed legislation	<u>(6,193,000)</u>	<u>(6,506,000)</u>	<u>(6,390,000)</u>	<u>116,000</u>
Total direct budget authority, less retirement costs	<u>\$ 95,000,000 c/</u>	<u>\$ 97,700,000 d/</u>	<u>\$ 97,720,000</u>	<u>\$ 20,000</u>

a/ Amounts reflect additional costs required under proposed legislation to provide full funding for benefits to agency employees under the Civil Service Retirement System and Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. Such adjustments shown for fiscal years 2001 and 2002 are for comparative purposes only.

b/ The Railroad Retirement Supplemental Account was discontinued effective January 2002 under the Railroad Retirement and Survivor's Improvement Act of 2001.

c/ Reflects the appropriation of \$95,000,000 to the Limitation on Administration received under P.L. 106-554.

d/ Reflects an appropriation of \$97,700,000 provided by P.L. 107-116.

LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATION

Financing

	<u>Fiscal year 2001 actual</u>	<u>Fiscal year 2002 estimate</u>	<u>Fiscal year 2003 estimate</u>
<u>Financing</u>			
Total, direct program obligations	\$101,087,000	\$104,206,000	\$104,110,000
Unobligated balance	<u>106,000</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Limitation	<u>\$101,193,000</u>	<u>\$104,206,000</u>	<u>\$104,110,000</u>
Less: Additional CSRS/FEHB costs	<u>(6,193,000) a/</u>	<u>(6,506,000) a/</u>	<u>(6,390,000) a/</u>
Limitation, less CSRS/FEHB costs	<u>\$ 95,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 97,700,000</u>	<u>\$ 97,720,000 b/</u>

Relation of direct program obligations to outlays

Obligations incurred, net	\$101,087,000	\$104,206,000	\$104,110,000
Obligated balance, start of year	0	9,334,000	9,334,000
Obligated balance, end of year	<u>(9,334,000)</u>	<u>(9,334,000)</u>	<u>(9,334,000)</u>
Outlays from limitation	<u>\$91,753,000</u>	<u>\$104,206,000</u>	<u>\$104,110,000</u>
Less: Additional CSRS/FEHB costs	<u>(6,193,000) a/</u>	<u>(6,506,000) a/</u>	<u>(6,390,000) a/</u>
Outlays, less CSRS/FEHB costs	<u>\$85,560,000</u>	<u>\$ 97,700,000</u>	<u>\$ 97,720,000 b/</u>

a/ Amounts reflect additional costs under proposed legislation to provide full funding for benefits to agency employees under the Civil Service Retirement System and Federal Employees Health Benefits Program.

b/ Includes \$20,000 to pay the full government share of the Federal Employees Compensation Act.

Note: Funds to administer the Railroad Retirement Act and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act are combined into a single administrative account. Funds to administer the Railroad Retirement Act are transferred from the Railroad Retirement Account and the Social Security Equivalent Benefit Account to the Limitation on Administration. Funds required to administer the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act are transferred from the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Administration Fund to the Limitation on Administration.

The financial operations of the Limitation on Administration can also be expressed in a sources and uses of funds table as shown below.

Sources and Uses of Funds

	Fiscal year 2001 <u>actual</u>	Fiscal year 2002 <u>estimate</u>	Fiscal year 2003 <u>estimate</u>
<u>Direct program sources</u>			
Available from benefit trust funds by Congressional appropriation	<u>\$101,193,000</u> a/	<u>\$104,206,000</u> a/	<u>\$104,110,000</u>
<u>Direct program uses</u>			
Administrative expenses	\$101,087,000	\$104,206,000	\$104,110,000
Unobligated balance	<u>106,000</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Total uses:	<u>\$101,193,000</u>	<u>\$104,206,000</u>	<u>\$104,110,000</u>
Less: Additional CSRS/FEHB costs	<u>(6,193,000)</u> b/	<u>(6,506,000)</u> b/	<u>(6,390,000)</u> b/
	<u>\$ 95,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 97,700,000</u>	<u>\$ 97,720,000</u>

a/ Amounts include an adjustment, for comparison purposes only, in connection with proposed legislation. The actual amounts appropriated were: \$95 million in fiscal year 2001 under P.L. 106-554, and \$97.7 million in fiscal year 2002 under P.L. 107-116.

b/ Represents the additional amount required under proposed legislation to provide full funding for benefits to agency employees under the Civil Service Retirement System and Federal Employees Health Benefits Program.

LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATION

Amounts Available for Obligation

	Fiscal year 2001 <u>actual</u>	Fiscal year 2002 <u>estimate</u>	Fiscal year 2003 <u>estimate</u>
Appropriation	\$101,193,000 <u>a/</u>	\$104,206,000 <u>a/</u>	\$104,110,000
Less:			
Unobligated balance	<u>106,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total direct obligations <u>b/</u>	<u>\$101,087,000</u>	<u>\$104,206,000</u>	<u>\$104,110,000</u>
Less: Additional CSRS/FEHB costs	<u>(6,193,000)</u>	<u>(6,506,000)</u>	<u>(6,390,000)</u>
Total costs	<u>\$ 94,894,000</u>	<u>\$ 97,700,000</u>	<u>\$ 97,720,000</u>

a/ Amounts include an adjustment, for comparison purposes only, in connection with proposed legislation. The actual amounts appropriated were: \$95 million in fiscal year 2001 under P.L. 106-554 and \$97.7 million in fiscal year 2002 under P.L. 107-116.

b/ The RRB also expects reimbursements totaling \$5,062,300 in fiscal year 2001, \$5,212,800 in fiscal year 2002, and \$4,931,300 in fiscal year 2003 under current legislation. Reimbursements would increase approximately \$323,000 in fiscal year 2003 if proposed legislation is enacted to fully fund benefits under the Civil Service Retirement System and Federal Employee Health Benefit Program.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES 1/

	Direct appropriation excluding CSRS/FEHB costs	Additional amount required to fully fund CSRS/FEHB costs	Appropriation total
FY 2002 appropriation.....	\$97,700,000	\$ 6,506,000	\$104,206,000
FY 2003 estimate	<u>\$97,720,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,390,000</u>	<u>\$104,110,000</u>
Net change.....	\$ 20,000	\$ (116,000)	\$ (96,000)

	<u>2002 Current (Base)</u>		<u>2003 Change from Base</u>	
	<u>FTE's</u>	<u>Budget authority</u>	<u>FTE's</u>	<u>Budget authority</u>
<u>Increases:</u>				
A. <u>Program:</u>				
1. Benefits for former personnel	—	\$ 182,000	—	\$ 118,000
2. Transportation of things	—	114,000	—	4,000
3. Rental payments to GSA	—	3,620,000	—	28,000
4. Consulting services	—	435,000	—	138,000
5. Other services	—	8,074,000	—	202,000
6. Equipment	—	873,000	—	<u>176,000</u>
Total increases				<u>\$666,000</u>

Decreases:

B. Built-in:

1. Net change related to full-time and part-time salaries: loss of FTE's, -\$2,402,000; annualization of January 2002 pay raise, +\$783,000; January 2003 pay raise, +\$1,221,000; grade/step increases, +\$876,000; and other personnel compensation (awards and overtime), -\$480,000.	1,101	\$64,144,000	-37	\$ (2,000)
2. Net change related to personnel benefits: loss of FTE's, -\$520,000; annualization of January 2002 pay raise, +\$170,000; January 2003 pay raise, +\$264,000; grade/step increases, +\$172,000; eliminate subsidized transit benefit program, -\$631,000; other changes in benefit costs, +\$135,000.	—	\$20,474,000	—	<u>\$(410,000)</u>
Subtotal, built-in compensation decreases			<u>-37</u>	<u>\$(412,000)</u>

C. Program:

1. Travel	—	\$ 815,000		\$(140,000)
2. Communication, utilities and miscellaneous charges	—	4,432,000		(198,000)
3. Printing and reproduction	—	276,000		<u>(12,000)</u>
Subtotal, program decreases				<u>\$(350,000)</u>
Total decreases				<u>\$(762,000)</u>
Net change			<u>-37</u>	<u>\$ (96,000)</u>

1/ Corresponds to page 12 - Administrative Expenses

APPROPRIATIONS HISTORY TABLE

<u>Year</u>	<u>Budget estimate to the Congress</u>	<u>House allowance</u>	<u>Senate allowance</u>	<u>Appropriation/ continuing resolution</u>
1994	\$ 90,801,000	\$90,801,000	\$90,801,000	\$90,801,000
1995	\$ 92,460,000	\$90,912,000	\$90,912,000	\$90,816,000 <u>a/</u>
1996	\$ 92,700,000	\$90,816,000	\$89,094,000	\$89,692,000 <u>b/</u>
1997	\$ 90,558,000	\$87,898,000	\$87,898,000	\$87,728,000 <u>c/</u>
1998	\$ 88,800,000	\$85,728,000	\$87,728,000	\$87,228,000 <u>d/</u>
1999	\$ 86,000,000	\$86,000,000	\$90,000,000	\$89,935,400 <u>e/</u>
2000	\$ 86,500,000	\$90,000,000	\$91,000,000	\$90,655,000 <u>f/</u>
2001	\$ 92,500,000	\$95,000,000	\$92,500,000	\$95,000,000 <u>g/</u>
2002	\$ 97,700,000	\$97,700,000	\$97,700,000	\$97,700,000 <u>h/</u>
2003	\$104,110,000 <u>i/</u>			

a/ Amount reflects appropriations received under Public Law (P.L.) 103-333 of \$90,912,000 less the rescission totaling \$96,000 under P.L. 104-19.

b/ Amount reflects funding made available under P.L. 104-134, after a rescission and cancellation of budget authority totaling \$263,000.

c/ Amount reflects funding made available under P.L. 104-208, less a rescission and cancellation of budget authority totaling \$170,000.

d/ Amount reflects funding made available under P.L. 105-78.

e/ Amount reflects the appropriation of \$90,000,000 made available under P.L. 105-277, less a rescission of \$64,600 required by P.L. 106-51.

f/ Amount reflects funding made available under P.L. 106-113, after a rescission of \$345,000.

g/ Amount reflects funding made available under P.L. 106-554. Excludes an additional \$6,193,000 that would be required to fully fund Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHB) costs.

h/ Amount reflects funding made available under P.L. 107-116. Excludes an additional \$6,506,000 that would be required to fully fund CSRS and FEHB costs.

i/ Includes an additional \$6,390,000 to fully fund CSRS and FEHB costs under proposed legislation.

STRATEGIC GOALS

The RRB's budget request for ongoing operations is distributed among three strategic goals presented in the agency's Strategic Plan:

- I. To provide excellent customer service,
- II. To safeguard our customers' trust funds through prudent stewardship,
- III. To expand our use of technology and automation to achieve our mission.

These goals are discussed in detail in the RRB's Annual Performance Plan for Fiscal Year 2003, beginning on page 27. Dollar amounts are shown for each strategic goal representing the resources needed to achieve the performance goals. As a lead-in to the plan, the tables on the next page provide the summary workloads for the retirement/survivor and unemployment/sickness insurance programs.

Retirement/Survivor Benefit Program
Summary Processing Workload Table

<u>Fiscal years</u>	<u>Average number of annuitants</u>	<u>New applications</u>	<u>Reactivated applications</u>	<u>Number of payments</u>	<u>Supplemental annuities awarded</u>	<u>Social security awards</u>	<u>Medicare enrollments</u>
1992	862,904	55,889	58,089	10,698,014	11,197	7,956	8,337
1993	843,204	50,854	65,220	10,627,914	8,752	7,353	7,815
1994	819,931	48,241	62,584	10,339,329	8,026	6,951	6,158
1995	799,158	44,838	56,535	10,038,332	7,681	6,221	5,815
1996	775,387	41,756	52,731	9,890,682	7,256	5,440	5,757
1997	751,558	41,126	50,458	9,447,929	6,942	5,980	5,309
1998	727,603	38,970	47,544	9,166,205	7,077	5,995	6,242
1999	704,159	38,413	47,265	8,886,055	6,719	6,108	5,890
2000	681,779	37,549	45,924	8,626,488	7,266	7,838	5,942
2001	660,112	38,306	40,870	8,872,847	6,690	7,156	5,538
2002 (est)	641,300	39,000	47,000	8,100,000	7,000	7,000	5,000
2003 (est)	624,800	39,000	47,000	7,900,000	7,000	7,000	5,000

Railroad Unemployment/Sickness Insurance Program
Summary Processing Workload Table

<u>Fiscal years</u>	<u>Railroad employment 1/</u>	<u>Unemployment insurance</u>			<u>Sickness insurance</u>		
		<u>Applications</u>	<u>Claims</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Applications</u>	<u>Claims</u>	<u>Payments</u>
1992	276,000	29,388	270,198	231,816	32,482	226,357	181,720
1993	271,000	25,420	206,509	175,812	31,622	201,977	165,908
1994	266,000	23,989	190,950	159,879	30,355	205,528	170,918
1995	265,000	21,995	147,378	120,870	28,955	193,483	160,906
1996	257,000	21,143	162,434	135,863	27,291	192,630	162,130
1997	253,000	17,121	120,136	99,042	27,670	180,962	155,358
1998	256,000	13,253	82,103	67,759	26,317	170,336	146,659
1999	256,000	16,261	99,874	81,990	26,267	170,306	145,853
2000	246,000	17,720	103,934	85,756	28,039	177,709	153,143
2001	237,000 (est)	22,229	120,994	96,603	28,850	191,715	165,706
2002 (est)	231,000	22,000	121,000	97,000	28,000	189,000	163,000
2003 (est)	226,000	20,000	118,000	94,000	27,000	179,000	155,000

1/ Average annual railroad employment is based on mid-month counts and presented on a calendar year basis.